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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Mobilization and Military
Personnel Division**

SUBJECT : Agency Tour Extension of Officer

25X1A 1. It is requested that the Agency tour of Lt Colonel
[redacted] be extended through June of 1965. Lt
nears with this tour extension.

25X1A 2. [redacted] command is involved on a most
direct and consistent basis with operations of the highest
national importance. The level of his responsibility is far
greater than that associated with any USAF squadron with
which I am familiar and requires an individual capable of
working with the highest levels of Government in a contro-
versial and rapidly changing environment.

25X1A 3. [redacted] outstanding performance, as
reflected in his most recent fitness report, has been greatly
responsible for the exceptional results which his unit has
been able to achieve. Further, his unit is faced with opera-
tional procedures which are unique to the USAF system. For
this reason, [redacted] experience is, at this time,
indispensable. Recognizing that we cannot rely on [redacted]
[redacted] for an indefinite period of time, we are now in the
process of obtaining a Deputy Commander for his unit and we
have every expectation that this new officer will be capable
by June of 1965 to support an orderly transition and change
of responsibility to a new commander.

25X1A 4. In view of the exceedingly important endeavors to
which [redacted] is committed, it is requested that
every effort be exerted to effect his extension through June
of 1965.

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